

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/664,509	KONDO ET AL.	
	Examiner TAN X. DINH	Art Unit 2653	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 12/30/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-15 (RENUMBER AS 1-5).
3. The drawings filed on 16 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/619,426.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

1) The amendment and the Terminal Disclaimer filed 12/30/2004 and 12/07/2004 are acknowledged.

2) Claims 11-15 are allowed.

The optical information-recording medium that has at least two or more different information-recording surfaces each of which has separate information previously recorded thereon in the thickness direction of a light transmitting substrate and that allows reading of the information recorded on each information-recording surface of the two or more information-recording surfaces through substrate by varying the focal position of a playback laser beam incident on and passing through light transmitting substrate, the light transmitting substrate having first pits corresponding to first information on one surface thereof forming an information-recording surface comprises a first reflecting layer formed on the information-recording surface of light transmitting substrate, a transparent layer that is formed onto first reflecting layer, wherein transparent layer is formed from a thermoplastic resin sheet having an uniform thickness above at least 20 μ m in thickness and a second information-recording surface having second pits corresponding to second information, wherein the transparent layer is formed by cutting a

thermoplastic resin sheet along the outer edge of the light transmitting substrate and wherein the second pits are transferred to the surface of thermoplastic resin sheet and the surface of the thermoplastic resin sheet is adhered to first reflecting layer by melting the surface of thermoplastic resin sheet and the thermoplastic resin sheet is solidified by cooling after the surface thereof has been melted, a second reflecting layer formed on second information-recording surface of the transparent layer and a protective layer formed on the second reflecting layer, as recited in the independent claims, are not found or suggested in the prior art of record.

3) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner TAN X. DINH whose telephone number is (571)272-7586. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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